

'Limbless' Vet Is Good Farmer

Loss of Arms and Legs No
Deterrent to This
Ex-Soldier.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — World War II's only "limbless" farmer started a year ago to prove to himself that arms and legs are not essential to a farmer.

Fred Hessel, whose arms and legs were blown off by the Japs on Okinawa, admits that the battle on his farm at nearby Mt. Piscon is not won. But his neighbors won't.

Neighbors Acclaim.
"I wouldn't have believed anyone, especially anyone with no farming experience, could do what he has," said his nearest neighbor. "He's got us coming to him for advice now. That boy goes ahead and does the things we only talk about doing."

What worries Fred is not the problem of tilling his soil with artificial legs and hooks for hands and arms. It is how to get his farm operating in the black.

Jefferson county farm agent points to Hessel's rice field of 2 1/2 acres as probably the best in the county. Fred cultivated this himself with a tractor specially equipped to be handled with hooks instead of hands. He also plans to harvest the hay soon with new machinery recently purchased, which is mainly the reason his farm is still in the red.

Friends Help Out.
Hessel and his pretty wife, Jewell, came south last year looking for a dream farm while he was still a patient at an army hospital at Bates Creek, Mich.

With the donations from thousands of his friends, his pension check and his own savings, he bought the 14-acre chicken farm. They rebuilt the house into a model home.

Altha is just part of his crop that he works with the help of his wife's brother, Glen Cart. He also has corn, oats, lespedeza, vegetables, 40 head of cattle and 1,600 chickens. He plans to concentrate more on chickens when the market gets right.

Bronzed and 30 pounds heavier, Hessel says he thrives on a full day's work, from sunup to sunset. And he says he has no intention of giving up his favorite sports, hunting and fishing.

Right now he is spending his spare time equipping a new shotgun to fit his armless body for the fall squirrel and quail seasons.

\$1,000,000 in Bogus Bills
Picked Off Desert Trees

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — A new tourist attraction was added to the scenic wonders of southern Nevada and Utah—money growing on trees. The money—more than one million dollars in \$10 bills—was discovered between here and St. George, Utah, by a truck driver. Unfortunately, from the Chamber of Commerce viewpoint, it was all counterfeit.

The bogus bills were found scattered over a 20-mile area. It was believed a strong windstorm uncovered the cache and sent the bills whirling through the desert, dotting trees and brush with the crisp greenbacks.

Las Vegas police saw in the discovery of the bogus money some connection with the gangland slaying of Benjamin ("Bugsy") Siegel in Beverly Hills. Calif. Siegel owned the luxurious Flamingo club here.

Police Capt. O. Stark felt that the "heat" generated by Siegel's slaying may have forced counterfeiters to hide their bills and delay the possible flooding of Nevada casinos with the bogus money.

Credit for discovering the bills and directing the attention of authorities to the find went to J. R. Bracken, Los Angeles truck driver, who walked into the police station here and presented Chief George Thompson with a sack containing \$100,000 in the scurrilous notes.

Mr. Fixit
on the Farm
Are you the handy man about the homestead, saving yourself valuable hours by developing short cuts and practical gadgets?

Or do you plod along through endless days of hard work, just "making" you could make life easier?

Here's a hint: To save yourself, to make the farm chores lighter and quicker, take a look at our practical column of farming suggestions.

FARM TOPICS
in every issue!

Story of Growth of Local Photo Business

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Back in 1935, young David Robertson was a Spout Spring school boy. His father, W. H. Robertson, was village postmaster. David raked up the grand sum of \$2.98 and secured some photographic supplies from a mail order house.

When the chemicals and instructions arrived David "set up shop" in an old chicken house. Instead of chicks, he rigged up a dark room, work trays and hung rolls of film all about.

He learned lots of out pictures, and bought more equipment. And news of what he was doing spread around town, for neighbors and friends started coming near here to have their photos taken.

By 1938, he was developing lots of pictures and he got his first experience of having nearly 500 stores send him films to be developed. It was no longer a "set up shop" in a chicken house, but a business.

David had a "kid brother" who was ambitious, too. So Shearer began to learn the business and work and eventually energy and work, the brothers learned the photo business from the "ground up."

By 1940, the brothers had planned to move to a larger community, where they could get ample space and train workers to help them in photo work.

The very day after Pearl Harbor, David sought to volunteer in the Marines. He submitted to a minor operation so he could meet the physical requirements and entered the Marines in January, 1941.

"While David was away, Shearer kept the photo business while still in high school.

David served with the First Marine Division and went ashore in the initial landing at Iwo Jima. He was discharged in August 1942. He was in photo work and received his discharge in 1943.

Shearer married Miss Catherine Torrence, of Appomattox. He entered the Army just prior to David's return. When war's end came, the brothers teamed up again. David settled in Appomattox, put in a hitch in police work and married. Mrs. Robertson being the former Mrs. Appomattox.

National Photo Service was then organized, and went after the photo business in a big way. Thousands of dollars worth of modern photographic equipment was installed in ample quarters on South Church street.

Dealers were lined up, and it was found that this was a sound field, for 200 dealers were secured and a waiting list formed. Some 2,100 feet of floor space were in use, and new employees trained.

The firm now has 13 trained employees, and soon will add more.

The ground floor of a new cinder block building across the street from the main studio has been rented, nearly doubling the available floor space.

When National Photo gets into volume production with the product described on Page One, further expansion will be in order.

National Photo has been incorporated and groundwork laid for wide expansion.

It has dealers in twelve states, and hopes to be able to take care of twice its present output.

A commercial studio and photo service is maintained and photo supplies sold to dealers and camera shops.

It is a young, growing business at present, and one of which Appomattox should be proud.

Daylight time ends Sunday in 10 states.

Traffic study shows that Virginians don't like to walk.

Russia loses in balloting by UN Assembly.

Yankees established as favorites in coming world series.

Roanoke def. Norfolk in Piedmont League play-off.

Poland's "second Ruhr" held to be vital to her rebuilding.

Here Shearer Robertson is shown at a projection printing machine which makes larger prints from smaller negatives. National Photo Service is the material to be mailed. National Photo is a big customer at the Appomattox Post Office.

A mass of material must go out to the 200 dealers served by the local National Photo Service and Supply Co., Inc. Here is a picture of some of the material to be mailed. National Photo is a big customer at the Appomattox Post Office.

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Local Happenings

Mrs. William Copenhaver, of Richmond, spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Furr.

Walton Jamerson, S. S. N., spent the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. R. F. Jamerson.

Mrs. Paul Duettner and small daughter, Karen, of Dayton, Ohio are visiting Mrs. W. W. Carter.

Mrs. G. O. Gordon has returned to her home here after spending some time in the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond.

Mrs. Ida Morris, of Vera, was a weekend guest in the home of Mrs. Lillie Gilliam.

J. E. Diwidde, of Sweet Briar, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Caldwell recently.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey had as guests during the week-end, Edward Morris and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Morris and small, Jimmy, all of Richmond.

Mrs. Guy Campbell, who has been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Almond, has returned to her home at Carson's Mill.

Miss Annie Hancock, of Lynchburg was home last week-end.

Mrs. A. B. Nowlin has been visiting Mrs. F. A. O'Brien.

Miss Phoebe O'Brien, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. O'Brien.

Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Almond, and Mrs. Mary B. Brown, were on a fishing trip at Cape Charles part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Evord Conner and daughter, Otis, will spend Sunday in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Abbott. They will be joined by their daughter, Miss Bolly Conner, a student at William and Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dahl and son, Miss Kate O'Brien, of Farmville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Brien.

Mrs. Louis Dahl, Miss Kate O'Brien and Mrs. F. A. O'Brien will spend this week-end in Washington with Miss Edith O'Brien.

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight at 6:45.

L. E. Smith is recovering from a recent illness.

Mrs. Homsey Smith is recovering at her home from a recent illness. Her daughters, Helen Hicks and Mrs. Beatrice Johnson, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ford, Jr., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, left Monday for Blacksburg, where Mr. Ford is a student at V. P. I.

Ray Crawley, of William and Mary College, spent the week-end at his home here.

William Moore, of Richmond, was here for the week-end.

F. M. Burton, of Jonesboro spent the week-end here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregory, of Newport are visiting his mother, Mrs. Lillie Gregory.

Garland Morris, of Langley Field was here last week-end.

Cities, Towns Erase Confusion of Names

Thousands Have Changed, Says
Report of Survey.

WASHINGTON — Meredith F. Burrill, director of the U. S. board of geographic names, has released a survey on the work of the board in helping to simplify names and end the confusion of similar ones.

While there are still 12 Philadelphia and six Philadelphia in the United States, Burrill said much progress has been made toward ending the "names" confusion.

Many cities undoubtedly would have changed their names except for local pride and expense, Burrill said.

"Geographic names are not fully rational," he explained. "Citizens maintain the name of their town more out of emotion than reason sometimes."

Some names have become so firmly established that it is unlikely they ever will be changed, even if they are confusing, such as Virginia City in Nevada, Montana and place names that have been changed since the board was established in 1890 are a long list of towns and cities that have dropped the final "h" in "burgh" and the "ugh" in "borough."

Pittsburgh, Pa., is a major exception. All the other Pittsburghs in the postal guide—there are 10, including one in Pittsburgh, Tenn.—have dropped the "h."

The board has urged citizens to drop the words "town" and "city" from the name of their communities. Those terms are particularly prevalent in the Midwest.

Many still retain the terms or change town to ton.

Incidentally, the term "city" seems to have no effect on the growth of a community. In fact, Burrill pointed out, only Oklahoma City and Kansas City have grown to be real cities.

Some "cities" have fewer than 1,000 persons.

The board is not always interested in changing the name of a place. For instance it favors retaining names of Indian, Spanish and French origin.

Nor does it favor changing the name of a town to honor an individual unless he has achieved "great eminence."

Between the two sounds, some people saying "ah," and equal numbers saying "aw."

For example, in the speech of the country as a whole these words are in group one (ah): Cog, jog, clog, fog, frog, agog, eggog.

These words are in group two (aw): Bog, dog, fog, hog, log, catalog, dialog, epilog, monolog.

These words occur with either "ah" or "aw": Fag, synagogue, demagogue, pedagogue.

Thus, in Standard American speech, one might hear: He was trahsy from too much egg nah; so, when he came to a jag in the road, the faw obscured his vision, and his car hit a law.

Most dictionaries recognize and sanction these differences as good American usage. A few, however, such as Funk and Wagnalls' and Winston's, list only the "ah" sound in all the words. This is inaccurate.

The "ah" sound is as broad as in "law" sound, and as broad as in "law" sound, and as broad as in "law" sound.

But the difference in the nation, for some reason I am as yet, for some reason I am as yet, for some reason I am as yet.

unlike to explain, the -og words and fall into three groups: (1) those words in which the "ah" sound prevails; (2) those words in which the "aw" sound prevails; (3) those words which are about equally divided between the two sounds, some people saying "ah," and equal numbers saying "aw."

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Footnote To Fall

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Cuckoo Quiz

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Sept. 23. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp and daughter, Sylvia, of Richmond spent last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle. Little Sylvia remained with her grandparents for a while.

Mrs. A. B. Ferguson is a little better at this writing. Those who could see her during the week-end were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cherrault, Mrs. Hattie Driskill and son, Warren, all of Lynchburg; Mrs. A. H. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregory, of Appomattox; and Mrs. W. R. Baldwin and son, George, of Hollywood.

Mrs. Sam Jennings spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Farrar.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples are the proud parents of a baby girl, Barbara Kay.

Those who called to see Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson, Mrs. J. S. Dinkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples, Mrs. Howard Glover and daughter, Bessie Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey and daughter, Phyllis, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chap Harvey, of Darlington Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond and children called to see Mrs. L. L. Stewart.

Miss Elora Glover was a Monday night guest of Miss Betty Ferguson.

John Young, who has been a patient in the hospital with a broken back, has returned home.

League Bowling will start September 29, with 8 teams. If you wish to join any of the teams please see the following captains:

Lions: Marrell Ferguson, Poe Hilde, C. C. Poe, Appox, Hilde, A. H. Harwood Jr., G. C. Hilde, A. H. Harwood Jr., Gilbert, Maynard Gilbert, V. F. W., Billy Evans, Independents, J. E. Jamerson.

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